



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Park and Recreation Commission

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Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2017

6:30 pm

Members in Attendance: Jeanne Reed-Waldron John Whalley, David DeiDolori, Mike Massarelli, Mike Sheil and Cara Cartello

Guests: Rob Levesque, Jason Larochelle, Chris Whalley, Greg Fitzpatrick

The meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeanne Reed-Waldron at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Park and Recreation will August 23, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review Minutes and Bills

Bills were reviewed and approved. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Whalley Park

JL Construction signed the pay request and backed out the disputed items. \$1,000 electric, \$8,900 irrigation and \$14,000 liquid damages. John stated the bolts and wires are still not fixed. Rob Levesque recommends P&R accepts and signs the bills with the disputed items backed out. Jason does not feel he is responsible for the irrigation damages. Rob read the part of the contract that stated under specs protection of existing work JL is responsible for irrigation. Mike Sheil said it is not clearly stated on pay request where the disputed items were deducted. Jason said the pay request was done that way because it was the only way he could. John said there was damage done to the electrical box and A1 is fixing it today. Jason said he requested P&R to mark out utilities. Eric from DownUnder Irrigation marked the main lines and flagged heads. DownUnder Irrigation billed \$8,900 in repairs. This was not approved by P&R. Jason said he told DownUnder to contact P&R prior to fixing. Jason said Eric advised JL to do work and not to worry about tearing out irrigation. He will fix and bill P&R. Rob said the contract states JL is responsible for any damages at the park during construction. The specs state contractor is responsible for electric. Jason said he was directed at a P&R meeting to test the lights. John said to JL the job still isn't completed. The silt bags are not cleaned up. Jason asked if they are ready. Rob and John both said yes. Rob asked what efforts JL is making to complete. Mike Sheil asked Jason if he will be out next week, August 7, 2017, to complete anchor bolts, wire connection and remove silt sacks. Jason said yes. John asked Jason how he will contest. Jason said to be determined; obviously it falls in the hands of a lawyer at this point. Mike Sheil asked why Jason as a business owner wouldn't build in tentative damages into his cost. Jason said he would have hoped the irrigation would be flagged. Rob stated you didn't have to direct DownUnder to fix the irrigation. Rob said JL could have had one of his employees fix it.

Chris Whalley came in to represent Southwick Boys Varsity Team. They are looking for a field to practice. They would like to use Whalley Park from Aug 24 through 1st week of Nov on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays from 3-5pm. Chris will purchase field paint and line the fields. John asked him to rake out the bench area where the kids stand. John Whalley motioned to approve Southwick Boys Varsity Team to use the field; Mike Sheil seconded and the motion was approved. The Rotary, Granville Council on Aging and Tracy Cesan (Alex Trazko fundraiser) would like to rent the pavilion free of charge. The board agreed to charge reduced fee of \$50 as they are community events and fundraisers. Mike Sheil would like to donate the \$50.00 pavilion fee for Alex Trazko fundraiser being held at Whalley Park. Joel Dickinson said they need 3-5 yards of mulch at Whalley Park. John will take care of this. Joel said the Torro won't start. He thinks the starter is broke. The board said to get a quote on fixing it. Joel would like to purchase a brush hog to clean out the retention ponds. The board said no, John has one he can use. Chet would like to mow tight to ground around the edge of the field by using hand mower to avoid so much weed maintenance. Board said okay. Mike Sheil has spare mower if they need one.

Rail Trail

John said the selectmen want the porta potty put out at Rt. 57. Are there additional funds for this? The person who removes the trash from the rail trail is retiring. The board said to have Dean empty the trash. Cara will contact him to take care of this. The FOSRT is asking for backfill to prevent breaking down of the parking lot. John will have someone bring some dirt.

Town Beach

A resident on Beach road complained that there were motor bikes being used in the wooded area along Beach Road. Both Sergeant Sanders and Bob Johnson, Town Maintenance Director looked at the area and said it didn't look like the motor bike rode it often. Sergeant Sanders said he would suggest putting up No Trespassing Signs. The P&R Board agreed to take no action at this time. Dave DeiDolori motioned to have the town put up necessary signs and P&R is not responsible for this area; John Whalley seconded and the motion was approved.

New Business

Review event receipt protocol from Karl Stinehart. Dick Grannells will have extra utility poles from the Feeding Hills Road project and would like to know if P&R can use them. Board said we have not use for them at this time. Dave suggested asking the FOSRT if they can use them.

Meeting called to a close

8:25 pm John Whalley motioned to adjourn the meeting; Dave DeiDolori seconded the motion. The meeting was called to a close.

Submitted by:_____

Jeanne Reed-Waldron_____

John Whalley _____

David DeiDolori_____

Mike Massarelli_____

Mike Sheil_____

